

United States Congress will join me in congratulating them.

CONGRATULATING NAPSEC

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC) for their 40 years of excellent service and academic dedication to our country's individuals with disabilities. NAPSEC's educational therapeutic services, combined with four decades of experience are invaluable to the education community across the United States and to the dozens of partners in my home state of New Jersey.

Established in 1971, NAPSEC represents private specialized education programs including early intervention services, school programs, residential therapeutic centers, and college experience and adult living programs for individuals with disabilities and their families. NAPSEC's hundreds of affiliates offer much needed services to publically and privately placed individuals who are otherwise unable to receive an appropriate public education. Member programs also serve the needs of individuals who have graduated from high school including adults over 21 years of age.

I am inspired by the quality of care and expertise NAPSEC's partners provide to America's students with disabilities, including those with autism. Again, I offer NAPSEC my sincerest congratulations on 40 years of service to the disabilities community and look forward to NAPSEC's continued progress in the future.

HONORING LESLIE (LES) HAROLD HAYES

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life and legacy of Leslie (Les) Harold Hayes—publisher emeritus of The Madera Tribune.

Les was born in 1928 in Emporia, Kansas. After working his way through school, Les enrolled in Emporia College where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business with a minor in English and Journalism. In 1955 he received an offer from the Merced Sun Star, moved to California, and spent the next few decades climbing from typesetter to publisher while working at a series of papers around the Valley. In 1995 Les retired only to be asked to return in 1998.

When not busy reporting the news, Les actively engaged himself in the community: he was a member of the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the Madera County Historical Society. In 2006, Les received the Madera Chamber of Commerce "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his contributions to life in the county.

On April 6, 2011, at the age of 82, Les passed away. He leaves behind his wife, Chris, and five children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Les Hayes and his many contributions. May we keep him and those he left behind in our hearts and prayers.

HONORING WILLIAM A. COOK

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute an exceptional Hoosier, William A. Cook. Sadly, we lost Bill on April 15. I wish to express my condolences to his family who knew him as husband, father, and grandfather.

To Indiana, Bill's leadership was a shining example of the type of leadership everyone should strive to achieve. Marked by common sense, his leadership embodied the qualities emblazoned in the Hoosier spirit. Bill's focus on service above self; both in building great businesses and in improving our community has left us all a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience freedom and the opportunity to succeed. When I look at the life story of a man who built a business empire that began in a spare bedroom in an apartment, employed thousands around the globe, and provided life saving, and life-altering technology to millions more, all I can say is Amen. Well done.

Bill Cook exemplified the American dream in every way. The amazing narrative of his life will live on, not only through the Cook Group and the many companies that Bill created, but through his family and through the incalculable number of Hoosiers he helped through the years. I would like to thank his family for sharing Bill with us. We are a community that will not soon forget him.

KEEP TEACHERS TEACHING ACT

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper" to provide for the "general Welfare" of Americans. In the Department of Education Organization Act (P.L. 96-88), Congress declared that "the establishment of a Department of Education is in the public interest, will promote the general welfare of the United States, will help ensure that education issues receive proper treatment at the Federal level, and will enable the Federal Government to coordinate its education activities more effectively." The Department of Education's mission is to "promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access."

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTENSEN CONSTRUCTION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Christensen Construction in Estherville, Iowa. This company was presented the Midwest Region Builder of the Year for 2010 by Butler Manufacturing at a convention held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Butler Manufacturing is a BlueScope Steel company that is based in Kansas City. The world's oldest steel building manufacturer, Butler Manufacturing has six regional manufacturing locations and over 1,200 Butler Builders nationwide. The Midwest Region consists of 13 states and 320 builders. The Builder of the Year Award is given annually to one builder in each region who has demonstrated excellence in selling Butler building and roof systems and has superior marketing skills.

Christensen Construction first became a Butler Builder in 1985. Since then, Christensen Construction has sold over \$25 million in Butler products. The company was nominated for the award by Keith Huls of West Des Moines, this area's Butler manager. Huls said Christensen Construction received this award "because of its history for outstanding sales along with its reputation for delivering the best value in products and services to their customers."

I know my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating Christensen Construction and its employees for receipt of this award. It is an honor to represent this company, its owner, and its employees in Congress, and I wish it the best of luck and success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHICAGO ALDERMAN HELEN SHILLER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Chicago Alderman Helen Shiller, who has been the Alderman of the 46th Ward since 1987. Alderman Shiller is retiring after 24 years of dedicated service to the residents of the 46th Ward and the City of Chicago. She is a tireless, passionate advocate for her constituents and for the community. She has been an especially powerful champion for those whose voices too often go unheard—the poor, immigrants, those who need affordable housing or shelter, the hungry.

Alderman Shiller is the Chair of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Human Relations, where she has a long and outstanding record of achievement. She played a key role in the passage of the human rights ordinance, recycling programs and city responsibility for public health and safety in the Chicago Public Schools. She initiated and passed a tough anti-apartheid ordinance in 1990. Her budget amendment tripled the city's AIDS budget in